President, Gregorio Perfecto, First Vice President, and Manuel A, Roxas, Second Vice President.

When in 1933 the Congress of the United States passed the Hare-Hawes-Cutting Bill over the veto of the President, the Philippine Mission then in Washington rather expected to see the law accepted in the Philippines. To their disappointment, President Quezon negatived the idea and a majority in the Philippine Legislature supported him. Promptly the members of the Philippine Mission with their sympathizers mobilized their forces to take the issue before the people. Their thunder was stolen when President Quezon negotiated a compromise independence law somewhat different from the one secured by the mission. But the *Pros* had gone too far to retreat, and so the new party was organized. In the 1934 elections it put up a game fight but was whipped by the *Antis.*

The *Nacionalista Pro Inde-pendencia* Party included a number of very able politicians. Sergio Osmena was at the helm and brought to the position all the experience of a lifetime in Philippine politics. Gregorio Perfecto, next in authority in the party, was a former *Democrata* leader and a hard fighter. Manuel A. Roxas, the third of the triumvirate, was the former Speaker of the House of Representatives. He is considered even by his adversaries as the most brilliant member of the Legislature and the Constitutional Convention. I am happy that this is so. Manuel was the president of my first graduating class of the College of Law, University of the Philippines, and I am inordinately proud of his success.

The *NacionaUsta-Democrata Pro IntLeyendenda* Party had an issue, or rather thought it had an issue. Night and day it vigorously advocated acceptance of the

Hare-Hawes-
Cutting Act. The party lost that issue when President Quezon adroitly stole the show. The party then had to resort to personal attacks on Quezon leadership, vulnerable in spots but generally popular with the people. The *Pros* went down to defeat with that battle-cry. But the party with talent at its